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**NASA Presents Goldin-Stokes Mentor-Protégé Award to
The Boeing Company & Cimarron Corporation,
The Jet Propulsion Laboratory & Applied Sciences Laboratory**

**RS Information Systems and Delta Computer Solutions Partner
in NASA Mentor-Protégé Program**

Providence, RI. NASA's Mentor-Protégé program of large businesses mentoring to small disadvantaged and woman-owned businesses committed to technology achievement for the National Aeronautics Space Administration is in its seventh year of success. Lamont Hames, Program Manager, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, NASA Headquarters, recently announced in Providence, Rhode Island, the Goldin-Stokes recipients for 2002.

The Boeing Company has helped a woman-owned small business, Cimarron Corporation, grow and prosper. Cimarron under the leadership of Rosalind Doyle, CEO, recently completed one of four major milestones of the two-year agreement by obtaining ISO 9001:2000 certification. Additionally, Boeing is providing key Cimarron employees with critical Software Engineering Institute (SEI), Capability Maturity Model, level three compliant software development process training. This training should result in lower costs, along with effective and safe software products.

Cimarron's executive staff is also participating within Boeing's leadership training curriculum. From ethics training, computing security, International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), to assistance with a government approved procurement system, the collaboration is a winning combination. Cimarron's contract value with Boeing has increased from a base of \$13 million to \$28 million to date, an increase of 115% over three years.

"We realize the NASA's Mentor-Protégé relationship as a winning combination. Innovative high-technology companies working in collaboration are creating new opportunities for the future," states Russell Carroll, Houston Director of Supplier Management and Procurement for The Boeing Company."



Photo: L to R: NASA 2002 Goldin-Stokes Awards to The Boeing Company & Cimarron Corporation: Kevin Howard, Manager of Boeing's Houston Diversity Programs; Rosalind Doyle, CEO, Cimarron Corporation; Russell Carroll, Boeing's Houston Director of Supplier Management and Procurement; Ralph C. Thomas, III, Assistant Administrator, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, NASA Headquarters; Lamont O. Hames, Program Manager, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, NASA Headquarters.

At NASA's 7th Annual Mentor-Protégé Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, another NASA Mentor-Protégé relationship was given the Goldin-Stokes award. The Jet Propulsion laboratory in Pasadena, California, and Applied Sciences Laboratory (ASL) in Hacienda Heights, California were recognized for outstanding technology achievement in their collaboration since 2000. Dr. Siu-Chun Lee, President, ASL, which was founded in 1990, and Stan Jankowski, Acquisition Division Manager, JPL, accepted the awards.

Applied Sciences Laboratory, a small disadvantaged business, in collaboration with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is the mentor partner, has performed advanced thermal engineering tasks on NASA/JPL space flight projects. NASA working together with JPL and ASL on heating and cooling of electrical and mechanical components, scientific

instruments and robotic spacecraft, makes sure that spacecraft components are neither too hot nor too cold to perform their assigned tasks.

Examples of the projects ASL is working on include the Mars Exploration Rover, Solar Probe, and Deep Impact – going to another planet, the sun and a comet; the Galaxy Evolution – looking at distant stars, Science Experiments in collaboration with the Japanese module on the International Space Station; and many earth orbiting satellites – looking at and exploring our own planet Earth. In addition to projects with NASA and JPL, ASL has applied its expertise of system design for the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy on several environmental management programs. ASL also works with the University of Southern California on tidal wave propagation.

JPL has worked with ASL since 1996 and has assigned increasing levels of responsibility in spacecraft thermal control design. JPL and ASL have grown together in building the technical and business base for ASL to expand its horizons to all of NASA, in other government organizations and in the commercial marketplace.



Photo: L to R: NASA's Goldin-Stokes 2002 award to JPL & ASL: Glenn W. Wright, Director, NASA New England Outreach Center; Stan Jankowski, Acquisition Division Manager, Jet Propulsion Laboratory; Dr. Siu-Chun Lee, President, Applied Sciences Laboratory; Ralph C. Thomas, III, Assistant Administrator, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, NASA Headquarters.

A new NASA Mentor-Protégé relationship was secured with the signing ceremony of RS Information Systems, Inc. and Delta Computer Solutions, Inc. Rodney P. Hunt, President, RSIS, had wanted to initiate the Mentor-Protégé program while RSIS was still in the 8(a) program. RS Information Systems specializes in information technology with engineering, scientific services, and management solutions. During some of RSIS' marketing trips to NASA Ames Research Center, Hunt heard from the Ames researchers about a small company, Delta Computer Solutions. Rodney Hunt met with Steve Ike, Delta's president, and they decided they shared the same technology background, and as importantly, the same customer and employee focus that had been the foundation of RSIS' success.

Delta Computer Solutions is an up and coming 8(a) and hub zone company specializing in software engineering, real-time systems, and web-enabled applications development for federal, local government and commercial clients such as NASA, Department of Energy, Department of Labor, Lockheed Martin, The Boeing Company, Booz Allen Hamilton and Raytheon. Delta Computer Solutions was recognized as the 2001 Supplier of the Year by the Northern California Supplier Development Council.

In entering this Mentor-Protégé program RSIS will subcontract to Delta Computer Solutions for support in the Technical Information Services Branch on RSIS' contract at Goddard Space Flight Center. Delta will provide the design and build out for secure and 508-compliant web sites for Goddard customer organizations. Also Delta will provide enhancements to the web-based custom software that is used to log and track response times, repair times and customer call history. In addition to the technical work, RSIS will provide mentorship to Delta in business development practices and administrative support in the areas of human resources, contracts and accounting and finance.



Photo: NASA Mentor-Protégé Signing Ceremony for RS Information Systems, Inc. and Delta Computer Solutions. L to R: Ralph C. Thomas, III, Assistant Administrator, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, NASA Headquarters; Steve, Ike, President, Delta Computer Solutions, Inc.; Rodney P. Hunt, President, RS Information Systems, Inc.; and Lamont O. Hames, Program Manager, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, NASA Headquarters